GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:144
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Human-Animal Conflicts
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether incidents of tiger attacks on human beings have been reported and if so, the details of such cases during the last three years, State-wise;
(b) the compensation paid to the victims during the above period;
(c) whether the Government has any proposal to monitor the movement of tigers through electronic surveillance;
(d) if so, the details and the main features thereof and the time by which the said mechanism is likely to be implemented in the country; and
(e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to prevent human-animal conflicts, in consultation with the State Governments?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e):- A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *144 ON HUMAN-ANIMAL CONFLICTS DUE FOR REPLY ON 08.03.2016

(a) Yes Sir. The details of incidents of tiger attacks on human beings during the last three years and current year, in and around tiger reserves, as reported by States, State-wise, are at Annexure-I.
(b) Under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Project Tiger, funding assistance is given to the tiger range States / tiger reserves, based on their demand in the Annual Plan of Operation for various activities which, interalia includes provision for ex-gratia payment / mitigation of human-wildlife conflict. The details of allocation under the aforesaid head, tiger reserve-wise for the above period are at Annexure-II. Besides, the State Governments also provide compensation / make ex-gratia payment from their own budget as per the provisions made by the concerned States. The data related to the compensation / ex-gratia payments made by the States is not collated at the Government of India level.
(c) & (d)The Government of India through the National Tiger Conservation Authority has operationalized and funded setting up of Electronic Eye (E-eye) surveillance in Corbett and Kaziranga Tiger Reserves along with Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh. Besides observing the movement of tigers and other animals, this acts as an early warning system wherein movement of poachers and intruders can be viewed before they reach the sensitive areas of tiger reserves thereby preventing any wildlife crime. This also helps in monitoring dispersal of wild animals in human habitations. This facility may be replicated in other tiger reserves also, if needed. Besides, there are tools like M-STrIPES and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, which are also being used in some of the tiger reserves for monitoring movement of tigers and other animals. Other than this, softwares like HEJJE and HULI are also being used by the State of Karnataka.
(e) The National Tiger Conservation Authority has evolved a multi-pronged strategy to deal with human-wildlife (tiger) conflict and the same are at Annexure-III.

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